

Amendments to the Abstract

Abstract of the Disclosure

A halftone image original is converted into a line screen halftone image ~~comprising~~ including regularly spaced-apart screen lines 5 that are modulated in their width y in accordance with the tonal value to be represented. According to the invention, width y of screen lines 5 is modulated only on one side so that screen lines 5 are flat on one side and width-modulated on one side. Various examples are stated for how this screen line modulation permits effective copy protection.